

## Community Preservation Act Study Committee

### Minutes

Meeting of Thursday, February 24, 2022

Meeting was opened at 2:00 PM at Town Offices. Members Nancy Andersen, Marie Elwyn, Paul Przybyla, and Janet Tice were in attendance.

It was decided to defer the appointment of a chairperson to a later date. Paul Przybyla agreed to serve as clerk for posting of meetings and minutes.

Town Clerk Bill Oelfke answered questions regarding requirements of the Open Meeting law and explained the need to restrict discussion of committee business to public meetings. He also reviewed the annual schedule of town meetings and elections. It was decided that the committee would not have enough time to conclude its work prior to the May annual town meeting. The Fall 2022 special town meeting will be the focus for the final recommendation of the committee.

Discussion followed on the topics of research for the committee. It was agreed to have the next several meetings attended by representatives from area towns to describe how the CPA was presented for votes and to discuss the selection procedures and uses of CPA funds. Paul Przybyla will invite area town CPA members to future meetings and Janet Tice will ask the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission for guidance on CPA issues. Nancy Andersen shared copies of information sheets on CPA from the MA Secretary of State and the Community Preservation Coalition.

After considering the work that is needed for a thorough study, it was decided to hold meetings twice per month on the second and fourth Thursdays at 2:00 PM at the town offices. Accordingly, the next meeting will be Thursday, March 10 at 2:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM